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DISPUTE ABOUT A DESK.

CHINESE SUES EUROPEAN.

Before Mr. Justice Gumpert in the
Supreme Court this morning the Mau Hing
Cheung firm sued J. A. Sheppard of 15,
Conduit Road for \$41, which was the price
of a desk sold and delivered to defendant,
and two rattan baskets. The sum of \$30
had been paid into court.

Mr. Norrington (Mr. G. K. Hall, Bat-
ton's office) appeared for plaintiff, and Mr.
P. W. Goldring (Mr. W. W. Goldring and
Sons) was for the defendant.

Mr. Hurley, of Messrs. Hughes and
Hough, called to give expert evidence for
defendant, valued the desk at \$30.

Cross-examined by Mr. Norrington, Mr.
Hurley said he was not prepared to say what
was the value of the desk four or five months
ago. In his opinion the top was cracked
at the time it was new; the cracks were
evidently caused by the desk being under
a great deal of strain, and had opened under
the influence of the wood being improperly
seasoned. He could not
remember if the desk was standing near a
fireplace at defendant's house.

Plaintiff gave evidence of the sale of the
desk to defendant and said when he asked
for payment for the desk and some chairs
which he had sold him, defendant said he
would not pay for the desk as it was
cracked.

His Lordship, having heard all the
evidence, reserved his judgment.

THE ACCIDENT TO THE "SAMBIA."

ON THE ROCKS IN A FOG.

As telegraphed to us at the time by our
Shanghai correspondent, the M. A. L. S. S.
Sambias, bound from Hamburg to Tsingtao,
via Hongkong, with general cargo, arrived
there on the morning of the 19th inst.
having met with an accident at Shadow
Island, east of Wanchow and a little more
than 200 miles from Shanghai.

The "N. C. Daily News" of 20th inst.
says:—On the morning of the 18th inst.,
the Sambias ran into a dense fog, and at 7.30
a.m. she struck the rocks bordering Shadow
Island. Her engines were immediately
reversed, with the result that she was
quickly refloated, having sustained slight
injuries to the hull which caused the water
to invade the holds. Shortly before noon
on Monday the fog cleared, and it was
decided to keep the ship on her course and
proceed to Tsingtao, the pumps being kept
at work to counteract the leakage.

In the afternoon, however, it was found
that the water in the holds was making
headway, more particularly in the forward
hold, and that the coal bunkers also were
filling. The captain then decided to put
into Shanghai and by wireless telegraphy
asked for assistance.

For several hours his signals received no
reply, and it was not until 2.30 a.m. yester-
day that the U. S. S. Saratoga picked up
the first wireless message received here.
The message read: "Immediate assistance
wanted—fire in hold or low head—fire on
leak"—also giving the position of the
Sambias at the time.

The captain of the Saratoga quickly
communicated with the Harbour authorities
and the River Police, and preparations
were made to dispatch the Customs Fire
boat to Wanchow. Early yesterday morn-
ing, however, the Sambias entered the river
and eventually berthed at Wanchow Wharf.
The work of pumping out the holds was
begun shortly after the vessel's arrival at
the wharf, but until these operations are
completed the extent of the damage cannot
be ascertained. It is probable that the
Sambias will have to be docked in Shanghai
before proceeding on her voyage.

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GOLD VASE OF GOLF.

MR. HILTON'S SUCCESS.

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(By Henry Leach in the "Daily Telegraph" of May 1.)

SUNNINGDALE, April 30.

It is more exhilarating to see a man finishing a good golf competition in the best style of a winner, than beginning in it like one, and Mr. Harold Hilton, the amateur champion of the time, did that at Sunningdale to-day, when, with an aggregate of 151 (74 and 77), he won the "Gold Illustrated" Gold Vase from one of the strongest fields on record, so far as amateur stroke competitions are concerned. He was the complete master of golf when he was playing that long uphill hole of 290 yards with which the deeply interesting and severely testing round at Sunningdale concludes. With his second shot he had hooked his ball high, some forty yards to the left of the green, leaving a big, deep bunker between him and the hole, with ground and green falling rather steeply all the way. It was not an extremely difficult shot to play, but a hard one to play well. Mr. Hilton pitched the ball well up, and, if we could not really see it backspinning in the air, we knew from his flight that it was doing that, and that it was, as it were, under the influence of the hole for which it was wanted. It pitched with nearly all its motion gone, struggled to a point just level with the pin, but, perhaps, eight feet to one side of it, and Mr. Hilton then ran it down for a very entertaining and instructive 4. Even in the very simplest way, with nothing hooked or sliced, it was hard enough to get at this hole to-day. Mr. Hilton's two rounds were ended as follows:

First Round: 74 (74 and 77).

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Total: 151 (74 and 77).

The morning round of 74 takes its place as amateur record of the course in its new and extended state, and it was a brilliant achievement, which Jack White, the professional at Sunningdale, declared with good judgment, would have been the best, or nearly, if it had been an open championship that was being played for. The conditions were tolerably good, without being very attractive. There was no sunlight—which was an advantage, surely—and there had been a sharp drop in the temperature overnight, but golfers are a grumbling lot, and I do not think the state of things merited their complaints to-day, even though for a while in the morning there was something like a Scotch mist in its incipient stage, and in the afternoon the wind did bite a little sharply.

BRILLIANT RECOVERIES.

Mr. Hilton, anyhow, was happy enough in the morning. Even by players of oldest experience, the thrill of inspiration and as of being in command of the game are sometimes felt, and this man, for all the odd imperturbability of manner which he has cultivated, and for all his past successes must have felt this in the morning. For a while what happened to him and his well-played shots. The first hole (555 yards) fell to him in a pretty 4; at the second he nearly holed a little chip approach from off the fair edge of the green for a 6; at the fifth (420 yards), for all that he hooked his tee-shot into the wood and had to play back up the course from a dreadful place, he still got his 6; at the sixth (412 yards), when with his second he was bunkered to the right of the green, he played a fine shot out, and again got the 4; at the ninth (271 yards), when he had pulled into a bunker on the left, he played a sixty yards' niblick shot to within eight feet of the hole, and only missed a 6, and so on.



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ACTION BY SIR W. NELSON.

The Case Set-Off.

In the King's Bench Division on April 29, before Mr. Justice Darling and a special jury, Sir William Nelson, of Hill-st., Berkeley-sq., sued Mr. H. A. Cholmondeley, of Sledmere, Yorks, and M. J. Mills, of Beverley, Yorks, the co-defendants of the will of the late Sir Tatton Sykes. The plaintiff claimed possession of a contract for the sale to him by the defendants of a yearling thoroughbred by Symington and the return of £6800, the purchase money paid for it. Alternatively he claimed damages for alleged fraudulent misrepresentation and breach of warranty. The defendants denied that they made any untrue representations to the plaintiff.

Mr. F. E. Smith, K.C., for Sir W. Nelson, said the plaintiff was well-known as the head of a steamship line. Mr. Cholmondeley was the nephew of the late Sir Tatton Sykes, and Mr. Mills was a solicitor. Mr. Cholmondeley was half-owner of the yearling in question, and Mr. Mills owned the other half as executor of Sir Tatton Sykes. Counsel was instructed that Mr. Cholmondeley also owned a half-share in the Sledmere Stud as a whole.

CHOLMONDELEY'S HALF-BROTHER.

Sir W. Nelson had recently taken an interest in racing. In order to obtain good horses for racing on the flat it was necessary to build up the stable by getting yearlings out of a well-known stud. Plaintiff went to Doncaster on Sept. 11, 1913, to attend the famous sale of yearlings. The Sledmere Stud was famous for its yearling sales at Doncaster through the agency of Messrs. Tattersall. Yearlings were sold without any express warranty, except as to pedigree or as to the races in which they had been entered. There was a clear rule at Tattersall's that no veterinary examination was allowed. Therefore no latent blemish which could not be detected by seeing the yearling walk would be known to the buyer. He did not believe that any reputable veterinary surgeon or physician could be found who would come forward and state that the grunting of a yearling colt or filly was not a warning or suggestion at least of possible unsoundness. The yearling in question was by Symington out of Veneration II., and was known as the Veneration colt. It was a half-brother of Crispin.

A SECOND PRICE.

On Sept. 11, 1913, Sir W. Nelson bought the yearling at Doncaster for the record price of £6800. Sir William went to the sale with his trainer, Mr. Persse, and Capt. Tutthill, a well-known Irish sportsman. Mr. Persse thought the yearling a very beautiful colt, but said he did not like the shape of its neck, which had, in his judgment, a certain physical configuration typical of a roarer. Had the matter been left to Mr. Persse Sir William would never have become the owner. Sir William met Mr. Cholmondeley shortly afterwards, and Mr. Hatcher, the head groom of the Sledmere Stud, was asked what he thought of the colt. He replied that the horse was sound, that it was a grand horse, and the best in the whole stud. When asked about the colt Mr. Cholmondeley said, "It is a good colt, one of the best in the stud, and, as far as I know, without any defect." At the very moment he made that statement Mr. Cholmondeley knew that the colt grunted, and that grunting was a defect, though in his defence he said that grunting was not necessarily unsoundness. Sir W. Nelson went to his trainer after the interview with Mr. Cholmondeley and said he was quite satisfied with the answer he obtained, and that he would buy the colt. The chief competitor in the bidding was a French veterinary surgeon, acting for a famous Russian owner. The French vet. bid up to £500, and Sir W. Nelson secured the colt for £6800. On Sept. 12 the colt was sent to Mr. Persse's training quarters at Stockbridge. Mr. Lambert, an experienced veterinary surgeon, took the temperature of colt, which was normal, but he discovered that the animal grunted.

Mr. Lambert reported the grunting to Mr. Persse, who wrote the same day to Mr. Somerville Tattersall: "I suppose you are aware that the half-brother of Crispin purchased by Nelson last week for 6000 guineas is a very bad grunter. I am quite aware that in purchasing yearlings one has to take one's chances, but at the same time one hardly expects the Sledmere Stud to offer a yearling for sale knowing that he is unsound. The only consolation I have is that I did not advise Nelson to buy the horse, but that he did so on his own."

Mr. Smith said the course taken was creditable to the common sense of both parties. He said, on behalf of Sir W. Nelson, that the charge of fraud was unfounded and without reserve; but Sir Mark Sykes and Mr. Cholmondeley were not content that a buyer should say that a colt he bought from Sledmere turned out a total disappointment, and they offered Sir William his choice of yearlings. Unhappily a charge of fraud was made. Now that that was unreservedly withdrawn, counsel could advise his clients that they could properly revive the offer which they made before.

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